



**PLEASE CONSIDER THESE 3 KEY MESSAGES BEFORE DONATING
TO HURRICANE SANDY SURVIVORS**

1. CASH DONATIONS ARE ALWAYS BEST

"Monetary donations to National VOAD members working in the area are needed. Cash offers to National VOAD member organizations provides the most flexibility in obtaining urgently needed resources and helps pump money into local economies to help businesses recover."

– National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (NVOAD) www.nvoad.org

Please consider donating to one of the many organizations currently responding to Hurricane Sandy by visiting the National Donations Management Network (NDMN):

<http://www.aidmatrixnetwork.org/>

2. PLEASE DO NOT SEND UNSOLICITED ITEMS TO THE DISASTER

"Unsolicited donated goods such as used clothing requires the added cost of storage and valuable disaster response staff and volunteer time, which could be better used helping meet people's real needs," explained Daniel Stoecker, Executive Director of National VOAD.

If you are inclined to donate material goods, please visit the National Donations Management Network (NDMN) to consider what is being requested: <http://www.aidmatrixnetwork.org/>

**3. ALL VOLUNTEERS SHOULD REGISTER WITH A VOLUNTEER CENTER
BEFORE SELF-DEPLOYING**

HandsOn Network is working with Volunteer Action Centers and partners activated across the northeast to help coordinate the spontaneous volunteer response to Hurricane Sandy.

If you are inclined to volunteer your time or services, please visit one of the websites below to register you and your team, before you arrive on scene to volunteer:

www.handsonnetwork.org

www.pointsoflight.org

www.serve.gov